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Seat Belt Enforcement Blitz

Officers from the Beaverton Police Department and other law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon will be working a seat belt Enforcement Campaign that begins Monday, May 18, 2015 and will continue through Sunday, May 31, 2015. The focus of this campaign is seatbelt use, child safety seats and minors riding in an open pickup bed. The goal of this campaign is to reduce traffic injuries and deaths by increased education and enforcement.

Oregon law requires that there be “proper use” of the entire seatbelt system; lap belt placed low across the hips and a shoulder belt over the collarbone and crossing the center of the chest. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots. If necessary, slide the attachment on the door post up or down to fit the size of you or your passenger. Shoulder belts should not be placed under the arm or behind the back – this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in the event of a crash.

A child weighing less than 40 pounds must be properly restrained in a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than twenty pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child seat. A child over forty pounds but under age eight or less than 4’9” tall must be restrained in either a child seat with harness system or in a booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly.

The Beaverton Police Department holds free child safety seat clinics throughout the year. The next two clinics will be on Saturday, May 16, 2015 and June 6, 2015. The May 16th clinic will be at the Kuni Cadillac collision Center located at 3725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005. The June 6th clinic will be at the Beaverton Police Department located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton Oregon. Both clinics start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. The last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. to allow the clinics to end on time.

Riding in the back of an open truck bed is never a good idea. If the vehicle is involved in a collision the chance of being ejected from the vehicle then striking another vehicle or the roadway is great. This greatly increases your chance of sustaining a serious injury or losing your life. Oregon Revised Statute 811.205 prohibits carrying a minor on external part of a vehicle. An open bed of a motor vehicle is defined as an external part of a motor vehicle. There are a few exceptions to this law and they can be found by following this link.

<http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/811.205>

The Beaverton Police Department will continue to strive to keep our citizens safe, reminding you that car seats, seat belts and following the posted speed limit are an effective way to protect you and your family. Our enforcement efforts will be on-going as we work with the community to save lives.

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